Fal. You'r welcome, what's your will? giue vs leaue Drawer.

Ford. Sir, *I* am a Gentleman that haue ſpent much, my name is *Broome.*

Fal. Good Maſter *Broome, I* deſire more acquaintance of you.

Ford. Good Sir *Iohn, I* ſue for yours; not to charge you, for *I* muſt let you vnderſtand, *I* thinke my ſelfe in better plight for a Lender, then you are; the which hath ſomething emboldned mee to this vnſeaſon'd intruſion: for they ſay, if money goe before, all waies doe lye open.

Fal. Money is a good Souldier (Sir) and will on.

Ford. Troth, and *I* haue a bag of money heere troubles me; if you will helpe to beare it (Sir *Iohn*) take all, or halfe for eaſing me of the carriage.

Fal. Sir, I know not how *I* may deſerue to bee your Porter.

Ford. I will tell you Sir, if you will giue mee the hearing.

Fal. Speake (good Maſter *Broome*) *I* ſhall be glad to be your Seruant.

Ford. Sir, *I* heare you are a Scholler; (*I* will be briefe with you) and you haue been a man long knowne to me, though *I* had neuer ſo good meanes as deſire, to make my ſelfe acquainted with you. *I* ſhall diſcouer a thing to you, wherein *I* muſt very much lay open mine own imperfection: but (good Sir *Iohn*) as you haue one eye vpon my follies, as you heare them vnfolded, turne another into the Regiſter of your owne, that *I* may paſſe with a reproofe the eaſier, ſith you your ſelfe know how eaſie it is to be ſuch an offender.

Fal. Very well Sir, proceed.

Ford. There is a Gentlewoman in this Towne, her husbands name is *Ford.*

Fal. Well Sir.

Ford. I haue long lou'd her, and *I* proteſt to you, beſtowed much on her; followed her with a doating ob-

ſeruance; *I* ngroſs'd opportunities to meete her, f
ſlight occaſion that could but nigardly giue me
her, not onely brought many preſents to giue he
giuen largely to many, to know what ſhe would
briefly, *I* haue purſu'd her, as Loue hath purſud
hath beene on the wing of all occaſions; but wh
haue merited, either in my minde, or in my mea
I am ſure *I* haue receiued none, vnleſſe Exper
*I*ewell, that *I* haue purchaſed at an infinite rate
hath taught me to ſay this.

"Loue like a ſhadow flies, when ſubſtance Loue
"Purſuing that that flies, and flying what purſue

Fal. Haue you receiu'd no promiſe of ſatisfacti
hands?

Ford. Neuer.

Fal. Haue you importun'd her to ſuch a purpo

Ford. Neuer.

Fal. Of what qualitie was your loue then?

Ford. Like a faire houſe, built on another man
ſo that *I* haue loſt my edifice, by miſtaking the p
Ierected it.

Fal. To what purpoſe haue you vnfolded this

Ford. When I haue told you that, I haue to
Some ſay, that though ſhee appeare honeſt to
other places ſhee enlargeth hir mirth ſo farre,
is ſhrewd conſtruction made of her. Now (Sir
is the heart of my purpoſe: you are a Gentlem
cellent breeding, admirable diſcourſe, of great ac
authenticke in your place and perſon, general
for your many warlike, court-like, and learne
tions.

Fal. O Sir.

Ford. Beleeue it, for you know it: there is mo
it, ſpend it, ſpend more; ſpend all I haue, onely
much of your time in exchange of it, as to lay a
ſiege to the honeſty of this *Fords* wife: vſe yo